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For: **OPTICAL DISK REPRODUCING DEVICE, OBJECT LENS, PROTECTION MEMBER
AND OPTICAL DISK REPRODUCING METHOD**

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A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. As for any documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 that are in a language other than English, relevance can be understood from an enclosed English abstract or at least partial translation or from mention in the specification or search report for a corresponding application.

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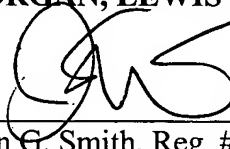
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